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**Connecticut Department of Agriculture
Seizes Six Abused Horses in Andover**
Search and seizure warrant executed this morning

(HARTFORD, CONN.) Today the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, with the assistance from the Connecticut State Police, executed a search and seizure warrant at 330 Hebron Road in Andover, resulting in the taking of six horses into state custody.

An investigation by the Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Division found that six horses owned by James Hemond of the above address were being kept in debris-filled paddocks and pastures, causing injury to the horses. The horses were emaciated and lacking proper feed, water, and shelter.

"In matters such as these, the Department of Agriculture has no recourse other than to seize the animals and get them the care that they need," said state Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky.

"In an ideal world," he explained, "animal owners would provide adequately for their pets, providing them with a healthy and humane environment. Unfortunately, we are faced with the reality that this does not always occur, and it is our agency's legal and moral obligation to take custody of the animals, give them proper care, and pursue appropriate punishment for the abuser."

The horses will be examined by a veterinarian and rehabilitated at the Department of Agriculture's [Second Chance large animal facility](#), located on the grounds of the York Correctional Facility in Niantic. Once the horses are healthy, they will be found loving homes in cooperation with the University of Connecticut.

Persons wishing to contribute to the Department of Agriculture's ongoing rescue work may do so by sending a donation to the Animal Abuse Recovery Account, c/o Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, G8A, Hartford, CT 06106.

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